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NAUGATUCK MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY CHARGE

NEW HAVEN, CT--Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Matthew J. Etre, acting special agent-in-charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in New England, announced that Goncalo Rodrigues, age 31, (DOB 4/6/75), a citizen of Portugal last residing in Naugatuck, Connecticut, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Janet Bond Arterton in New Haven to an Indictment charging him with illegally re-entering the United States after having been deported to Portugal.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court proceedings, on April 29, 1999, Rodrigues was deported to Portugal after being convicted of Second Degree Larceny. Rodrigues illegally re-entered the U.S. later that year. In May 2002, Rodrigues was involved in an incident with Naugatuck police officers that resulted in his July 16, 2002 arrest on a state warrant. On March 21, 2005, Rodrigues was convicted of Attempted Assault on a Peace Officer, and has remained in custody since that time.

Judge Arterton has scheduled sentencing for October 6, 2006, at which time Rodrigues faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case has been investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The case is being prosecuted by Deputy United States Attorney John H. Durham.

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